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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/707,704	HSU ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Fazli Erdem	2826

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 9-11 and 14-18 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 9-11 and 14-18 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
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	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 13 and 14 were indicated as allowable on the Final Rejection issued on 03/05/2005. Applicant has amended claim 9 to include the subject matter indicated as allowable. However, after further search and consideration, this non-final rejection has been issued.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.
2. Claims 9-11 and 14-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chang et al. (6,754,105) in view of Yoshikawa (6,335,554)) further in view of Forbes et al. (2004/0004245).

Regarding Claims 9-12 and 15-18, Chang et al. disclose a trench sidewall charge trapping dielectric flash memory device where in Fig. 2, it is disclosed trench structures 46 disposes inside p-well 54. Gates 66a and 66b are completely covered with dielectric layer 48. This dielectric layer 48 is between the charge trapping layers 50b' and 50a'. Furthermore, dielectric layer 58 is outside charge trapping layers. Source/drain regions are labeled 62a and 62b. Change et al. fail to disclose the required plurality of lightly doped regions under plurality of SiN spacers and the required source/drain regions on both sides of the trench. However, Yoshikawa discloses a memory device where in Fig. 1, plurality of lightly doped regions 10 are under the plurality of SiN spacers 4A and 4B. Furthermore, Forbes et al. disclose a memory utilizing oxide-conductor nanolamination

where in Fig. 3, source/drain regions 302-1 and 302-2 are located on both sides of trench 340.

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the required plurality of lightly doped regions under the plurality of SiN spacers and the source/drain regions on both sides of trench in Chang et al. as taught by Hwang and Forbes respectively in order to have a semiconductor memory structure with better performance.

Conclusion

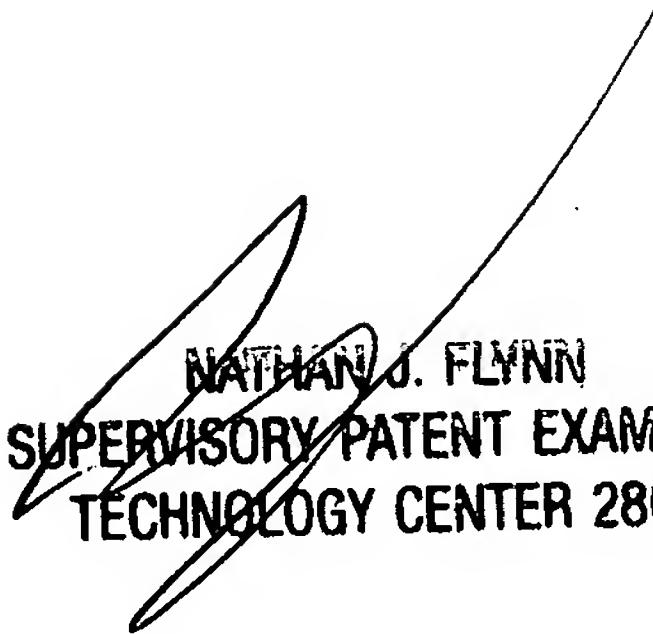
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fazli Erdem whose telephone number is (571) 272-1914. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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